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Dear Howard,

I'm glad I forget to mail the short note because the weather persuaded me not to go to Washington day before yesterday. Once I can get in and out of my driveway with my car I'll take the bus to Washington for these tests and conferring with Lesar. MY ride is away for a week. If it is this coming week the chances are I'll return on the 2 p.m. bus because the mountain roads develop icy spots I'd like to see. I'm supposed to avoid even jarring.

I would like very much to be able to talk to you, to give you an idea of what this new material is and means and to see if it suggests any means to you, for me.

With all I've obtained over so many years this is without precedent.

Whether or not it will be used in journalism schools it should be in criminal law, police sciences and political science.

I am troubled that I hear nothing from Curtis. I turned the Zebra lead over to him. They want a book. The problem is not as great as it seems. They want another fake they can palm off as actuality. This time they'll be clobbered if they pull it - if I have to do it myself, which is not probable. The truth is close enough to their formula and in the long run has much greater commercial potential.

I've been gentle in suggesting the trouble that can still await Zebra over the McDonald fake. Because it served official purposes, whether or not with official connection, there was no prosecution. However, stupid people do stupid things and there now is an opportunity that does not require official support.

Of course I'm impatient. My need is day to day. Decision on the subject is not a big deal. There should have been a yes or no by now. I offered to go there to be helpful or make explanations or show materials and there has been no response.

Next to the last thing I want to do is go off on my own. The last thing is to do nothing at all.

My choices are that limited.

Meanwhile, when this is work that universities want for permanent archives and for graduate use I really do think some foundation could get interested if I could find someone who could speak to the right people.

I have a hunch that if the Sorensen nomination is turned down he might be such a person. His crime is that he is a JFK liberal.

Best,